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1. The real and actual crime of the Communist Government in China is its relentless attempt to create a country of immoral men. By unbelievable cruelty it has forced millions of decent people to accept the fact that constant fear, distrust and hatred of fellow men, and cancellation of the family unit, constitute a normal existence. Each year of Communist reign has added another burden to the structure of Chinese society which supports it. Inevitably it will become apparent that this structure is composed of human beings whose endurance is not everlasting.
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Resentment of the people toward the government stems from two main points:

a. In 1951 the government announced that it would grant amnesty to all former Kuomintang members who gave themselves up. They were told to report to the Police Station, fill out a questionnaire showing details of their past membership, and then they would be free. Those who were gullible enough to trust the government were shortly arrested and thereafter disappeared - either shot or sent away to a labor camp. Until the two Anti campaigns of 1952, this was the largest single group haul the Communists made.

b. The 3-Anti and 5-Anti campaigns caused terror and hardship that will rank in history with the most brutal acts of the old warlords.

(1) As regards the 3-Anti, the government made a terrific blunder. Dishonest or otherwise undesirable employees could have been weeded out without all the fuss and publicity that caused the entire program to backfire as far as its propaganda effect was concerned. It was natural that people would wonder why the campaign was necessary since the government had from the very beginning shouted high praise of the incorruptible character of its personnel. One example that was particularly juicy was the government official who bought a car on an official government order from a British auto dealer. The dealer wanted 90 million JMP but the official beat him down to 80 million. He then sent in a bill to the Finance Office for 180 million JMP. When the campaign began, the auto dealer was called to the police station several times and questioned closely about the transaction. The Police tried to give the government official every benefit and argued with the Britisher that he had made a mistake in the amount of money received. When he produced the sale contract showing the amount to be 80 million JMP and the buyer's chop there was no further question. The official was arrested and removed from office. There were scores more of similar cases in Shanghai alone [REDACTED]

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(2) The 5-Anti Campaign clearly showed that all the government's talk and protestations of guardianship of the People's rights and a better life for all, were nothing more than a cover-up for its real purpose to grind everyone down so far he would forevermore have to depend solely on the government for his existence. From March to June 52 employees had a field day with accusations against employers. The government backed the workers to the hilt; it mattered not one bit whether the accusation was true or false since the whole idea was to melt down the number of private firms regardless of the type of business or length of operation. There were hundreds of cases of wild panic and a desperate scrambling to the wall. During that period there were between 60 and 70 suicides a day among businessmen in Shanghai. [REDACTED]

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Another was hauled back by two of his employees before he got to the edge of his building. Besides losing everything he owned, he was immediately arrested and sent away to brain-washing school. Another Chinese [REDACTED] millionaire in US dollars, lost his factory during this Campaign and was compelled to go to work in that same factory for the equivalent of US\$50.00 per month. That reign of terror was the most powerful blow the Communists inflicted on themselves, if they but knew it.

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4. The small shop owners in the market place are filled with resentment at the government's interference and constant checking into their affairs, and they live in dread of the day when they, too, will be wiped out. The cost of living has been stabilized but it

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is not cheap. Taxes and "voluntary" contributions are so heavy that few now are able to have more than enough to live on. Families are broken up through arbitrary work assignment of individuals to far parts of the country and through the far more serious situation of inter-family hatred fanned by the younger members' warped sense of duty toward the State, the duty of spying on and reporting activities of their relatives. Two doctors in Shanghai, both highly respected men, were forced to leave their homes and practices to go "up north", probably to Korea. a doctor in Peiping on the staff of PUMC, was accused by his fifteen year old daughter, arrested and taken away.

5. no organized resistance movement that is strong enough to circumvent the Police and Security Bureau. any person or group who could overthrow the Communist government would be enthusiastically welcomed. They don't particularly like Chiang Kai-shek or Ching-kuo because during the last two or three years of the Kuomintang many people had sad experiences with Chiang and his son, but even they would be welcomed if they guaranteed personal freedom to the people. hatred of the government is so widespread and deep that a combination of coastal blockade and military push would overthrow the Communists. The landing would have to be well covered by planes and there would have to be a thorough plan worked out in advance for feeding the population while the military operation is in progress. The people must be assured that they will be safe, that certain points will be open for refugee centers which will be kept open until liberation of the country is complete. The logical cities for refugee havens would be Tientsin, Shanghai, Foochow and Canton. If the USSR began to have real trouble with the Eastern European satellites it is not probable that she would come to China's aid even if Manchuria were invaded.

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